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1. AMBASSADOR AND COMMOFF MCARTHUR MET AUG 6 WITH
MINISTER OF STATE FOR HYDRAULICS ABDALLAH ARBAOUI
TO DISCUSS QUESTIONS POSED REF(A).

2. ARBAOUI SAID HE HAS SIGNED LETTER CONFIRMING
AGREEMENT AND HAS FORWARDED IT TO FOREIGN MINISTRY;
HE AWAITING THEIR REPLY. AS FAR AS HE CONCERNED
AGREEMENT IS IN FORCE AND HE PROCEEDING ON THAT
BASIS. FOR EXAMPLE. HE HAS TEAM CURRENTLY IN US
FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH USGS, MORRISON-KNUDSEN AND OTHER
RE IMPLEMENTATION THIS AGREEMENT AND MORRISON-
KNUDSEN CONTRACTS.

3. REGARDING INITIAL PAYMENT \$200,000, ARBAOUI
SAID THIS NOT PROBLEM OF PAYMENT, BUT PROBLEM OF
TRANSFER. HE SAID PAYMENT IS READY, BUT NATIONAL
BANK WILL NOT AUTHORIZE TRANSFER UNTIL
AGREEMENT IN FORCE. FOR THIS REASON HE
PRESSING FOREIGN MINISTRY FOR REPLY.

4. ON SUBJECT INSURANCE, ARBAOUI SAID IT
NO PROBLEM. INDICATED THEY WANTED THE
INSURANCE, THEY HAD THE DOSSIER, AND WE WOULD
BE GETTING A LETTER CONFIRMING THIS SHORTLY PARKER
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